

Interest in Marathon Is Growing Rapidly

MODIFIED MARATHON ATTRACTS INTEREST THROUGHOUT STATE

As Time Draws Nearer, Athletes Begin Preparation for Biggest Athletic Event Ever Attempted in the South—Inquiries Received From All Sections—Valuable Prizes Offered to Every Competitor.

The Times-Dispatch Marathon Big Help to Young Athletes

BY DR. W. A. LAMBETH.

The attentive interest of the nations of the earth in competitive athletics was never so comprehensive as during the year 1913. The French, German and Italian commissions, which are now studying American athletics; President Gustavus Kirby and Secretary Sullivan, from the American Amateur Union, who are now in the Berlin conclave, and the preparations of the English for the next Olympiad, are but manifestations of this intelligent interest.

The Times-Dispatch Marathon will serve for Virginia a purpose more general than any athletic event ever staged in our State. It is an important event, and, moreover, a peculiar one—peculiar in that while it co-operates with all the athletic organizations in the State, university, colleges, preparatory schools and clubs, it is directly affiliated with none of them; and, whether or not the entries are great or small, the performances brilliant or commonplace, the ultimate service in the stimulation of a healthy instinct in our youth is guaranteed.

The goal may be guarded by neither Hymettus nor Pentellicum, but those who come in at the finish will be the bearers of a message of health and happiness to the coming generation.

With just thirty-four days before the first annual Modified Marathon under the auspices of The Times-Dispatch is run, athletes throughout the State are waking to the immense possibilities of this event, and are already preparing for the supreme test of brawn and nerve and muscle.

The magnificent three-year team trophy, done in bas relief and wrought in noble bronze, is going to attract the very best men in the Old Dominion, while there will also be the additional incentive of capturing the individual prizes. The grand prize has a cash value of \$150. To the winning team will be given a handsome silver loving cup, and to the second and third teams plaques, duplicates of the grand prize, will be awarded. Every runner finishing the course will receive a prize.

100 Entries Locally.

All of these things will combine to bring-out the very best talent. Richmond alone will have entered twenty teams, besides many individuals unattached. From every college in the State comes assurances to the Marathon Editor that they will have teams entered. Before the week closes all of the principal educational institutions in Virginia will have begun the fall sessions. Candidates for the Marathon will be called at once, and physical directors will start whipping their men into shape to stand the test.

Contrary to popular belief, the course of training needed to run a Modified Marathon is not as severe, nor does it require as great a length of time as for the sprints. The one essential is development of wind, legs and muscles. A systematic diet, plenty of exercise, with jogging runs mixed in, and work with Indian clubs or dumbbells for three weeks will fit the average individual for going over the course. It is the one race where endurance counts far more than speed. The hares will not be able to sleep along the route, for there may be tortoises plodding on behind.

Interest Is State-Wide.

Letters received from widely separated parts of the State prove conclusively the deep interest taken. As the time draws closer this interest will increase. As pointed out by Dr. W. A. Lambeth, of the University of Virginia, active chairman of the games committee, the real point to be emphasized is that this Marathon is open to all colleges, universities, clubs and associations, and all of these institutions taking part in athletics will co-operate to make it a success, yet it is run under the auspices of this paper, which, while having a deep interest in all the various organizations, is directly connected with none.

Primarily, the idea to be brought out is that such a run as that of October 4 will inculcate in the young men of the State a desire to improve themselves physically. The result is bound to be of incalculable value. It will bring all of the institutions represented closer together. It will serve to stimulate interest in outdoor athletics, not only in Virginia, but throughout the South. Dr. Lambeth puts forth the real moral of the run when he says that, regardless of whether the entry list is great or small, regardless of whether the time made is a record, or merely commonplace, the value of the run, from a purely educational standpoint along athletic lines, cannot be discounted.

It will be the athletic awakening of Virginia.

Practical Demonstration.

Several hundred young men, ranging from the strapping youth of eighteen to men of more mature ages, running through the streets of Richmond, with crowds lining the thoroughfares to speed them on their way, will give a practical demonstration to the public of the value of systematic physical training for young men. The public doesn't know this value except from what the public reads. The very best method of getting to the public is by actual demonstration, and this The Times-Dispatch Modified Marathon will accomplish.

For the benefit of those who may have read the original announcement last Sunday, the route will be from the Reservoir, north along the Boulevard to Monument Avenue, east along Monument Avenue and Franklin Streets to Fourth Street, north along Fourth Street to Grace, and east along Grace to the Washington Monument, in Capitol Square. Circling the monument, the runners go west along Grace to Fourth, south along Fourth to Franklin, and west along Franklin Street and Monument Avenue to the Boulevard, then south along the Boulevard to the fountain at Reservoir Park. Circling the fountain, they return to the finish over the first route to the monument in Capitol Square.

At the finish they will be met by Hon. H. C. Stuart, Governor-elect, honorary chairman of the games committee; Dr. W. A. Lambeth, active chairman of the committee; Governor Mann and Mayor George Ainslie, the official starter, and members of the committee. Prizes will be awarded and the men commended for the work they have done.

Not a hill will have to be climbed over the entire course, which is approximately twelve miles. The streets are all smooth paved and lined with shade trees. It is an ideal route, and one eminently fitted to bring out the very best there is in the runners.

Games Committee in Charge.

The games committee will have entire charge of the run. They will determine upon the eligibility of entrants. The entire course

MANAGER AND CAPTAIN OF RICHMOND GRAYS



Dr. Lawrence T. Price, manager of the amateur champions, Stanley Bigby, captain. Their combined efforts have made of the Grays a formidable team. They play the Bankers in Washington to-morrow for the intercity championship.

PRESSLY PICKS ALL-STAR OUTFIT

Names Men Who Will Play Against Tommy Stouch's Carolina Invaders.

Dr. W. R. Pressly, of the Roanoke baseball club, and James C. Lattimer, forming a committee, selected the following team, after counting the votes of the fans of Virginia, as the most popular all-star cast that could possibly represent the Virginia League in the battles with Tommy Stouch's all-star Carolinians beginning the week of September 15 and ending with a double-header in Petersburg September 20:

Kircher, Norfolk, centre field.
Laval, Richmond, right field.
Krepps, Petersburg, second base.
Mattis, Roanoke, left field.
Busch, Petersburg, shortstop.
Pressly, Roanoke, first base.
Irmischer, Roanoke, third base.
Laughlin, Petersburg; Welcher, Roanoke, catchers.

Gardin, Roanoke; Brooks, Petersburg; Efrid, Roanoke; Barton, Newport News, pitchers.

Bill Howdell, of Portsmouth, got the largest number of votes for third base, but Howdell is in horrible physical condition, and will hardly be able to play the season out. That's why Irmischer was selected, though it was almost a toss-up between Irmischer and Damrau.

Games will be played here Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and possibly Friday. It depends upon whether Newport News wants a game or not. If the shipbuilding centre really wants to see the all-stars in action, a game will be given them on

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NAVY SECRETARY ANXIOUS FOR GAME

Will Not Dictate, but Hopes Branches of Service Will Get Together.

Washington, August 30.—Secretary Daniels expressed himself to-day as heartily in favor of the army-navy football game being played this year as usual. He said that while he had called a conference on the subject, he did not intend to dictate. He declined to give any opinion as to where he thought the game should be played. "But I think we should have the game," he said, "which has become a national event, and is looked forward to with much pleasure and interest by thousands. Questions of detail as to number and method of distributing the tickets, I think, should be kicked out of the back door, and not allowed to stand in the way."

No Change in Plans.

West Point, N. Y., August 30.—There was no change to-day in the Army-Navy football situation. Having arranged to play the Carlisle Indians in place of the Navy, November 23, the Army expects to go through with its program.

It is reported that pressure is being exerted from the War and Navy Departments in Washington to reach an amicable decision as to an arena for the Army-Navy game, but nobody here to-day would confirm or deny the report. The cadets will go ahead with their preliminary football preparations. Practice will begin next week.

GRAYS LEAVE TO BATTLE BANKERS

Local Amateur Champions Meet Washington's Best in Double-Header To-Morrow.

EXPECT TO LAND VICTORY

Canepa May Start in Both Games—Stanley Bigbie Captain of Team.

Confident of victory, and headed by Dr. L. T. Price and Billy Ross, the Grays, amateur baseball champions of Richmond, will leave this afternoon for Washington to play the Bankers for the championship of the two cities, beginning with a double-header to-morrow. This is the third of the intercity clashes. The first was played in 1911, but was a three-cornered fight between the Battle Axe club, of Richmond, the Baltimore Athletic Club, of Baltimore, and the Bankers, of Washington. Last year the Battle Axe again represented Richmond, Baltimore was left out, and the Peopos won the championship for Washington.

The Grays, say those who are intimately acquainted with amateur baseball locally, form the best club ever turned out by this city. For this reason they will go to the capital of the nation with more confidence than any previous representative of Richmond. Canepa is scheduled to pitch the first game of the double-header in Washington to-morrow. If he wins it is not improbable that he will be turned right back at the Bankers for the second game. Should the Bankers win in the curtain raiser Dr. Price may or may not change his plans.

Bigbie in Command.

The Grays will be in charge of Stanley Bigbie on the field. Bigbie has been one of the best first basemen in minor league baseball, and reports say that he is almost as good now as he ever was. Regardless of whether he has slowed up or not, what he has lost

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VIRGINIA LEAGUE

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Richmond, 2; Roanoke, 1 (first game).
Richmond, 2; Roanoke, 5 (second game).
Norfolk, 2; Petersburg, 3 (first game).
Norfolk, 2; Petersburg, 2 (second game) (ten innings; darkness).
Newport News, 3; Portsmouth, 2 (first game).
Newport News, 4; Portsmouth, 5 (second game).

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Club	Won	Lost	P.C.
Petersburg	81	42	.659
Roanoke	73	53	.579
Richmond	69	52	.570
Portsmouth	52	65	.440
Newport News	47	75	.382
Norfolk	46	76	.377

WHERE THEY PLAY TO-MORROW

Petersburg at Richmond (afternoon).

Richmond at Petersburg (morning).

Norfolk at Portsmouth (morning).

Portsmouth at Norfolk (afternoon).

Roanoke at Newport News.

PENNANT WINNER IN SLASHING RACE

Son of Peter Pan Shows His Heels to All in Futurity.

Saratoga, N. Y., August 30.—Pennant won the \$15,000 futurity at six furlongs here to-day, after a desperate drive to ward off Southern Maid and Addie M, who finished second and third, respectively. The result was in doubt until the last few strides. The time was 1:15.

Both Pennant and Southern Maid came from far behind in the stretch, and had McTaggart been able to keep Southern Maid going in the early stages she probably would have beaten Pennant. Bringham took the lead in the first few strides, followed by Forum and Early Rose, with Addie M close up. The trailers were Pennant, Southern Maid and Anytime, and they were widely separated from the leaders.

Turning out of the back stretch Bringham had a commanding lead on Forum and Early Rose, but as they swung for home Pennant entered the argument, and Forum and Early Rose dropped back, beaten. A furlong from home Pennant challenged Bringham, and the two had a race for a sixteenth of a mile, where Pennant began to draw away. Then Southern Maid came up with a wonderful burst of speed. She was taking two strides to the winner's one in the last fifty yards. Borel went to the whip on Pennant and the colt answered gamely, holding a length's advantage at the close. Addie M was beaten only half a length for the place.

COBB IS LEADING MIGHTY JACKSON

Georgia Peach Passes Naplander in Race for American League Batting Honors.

Chicago, August 30.—Ty Cobb is at the head of the American League batters, in the official figures of the American League. According to the figures, Cobb is leading Joe Jackson by two points. Including figures of last Tuesday, the most recent date at which all American League scores were available, Cobb had played in ninety-two games and had made 125 hits in 318 times at bat, an average of .393.

Jackson's record was 118 games, with 164 hits in 419 times at bat, an average of .391.

LIGHTWEIGHTS PUT UP FORFEIT

Vancouver, B. C., August 30.—Forfeits were posted here to-day by Willie Ritchie, the lightweight champion, and Freddie Welsh, the British champion, for their fight in this city on September 20. Each fighter put up \$3,750, and has agreed to weigh in at 135 pounds on the day of the fight.

COLTS DIVIDE BILL WITH PRESSLY'S TEAM IN CLOSING SERIES

Last Visit of Roanoke Proves Profitable for Tigers, Who Take Two Out of Three—Yum Moreland Breaks Into Line-Up and Creates Most Favorable Impression.

BY GUS MALBERT.

Dr. W. R. Pressly and his young men bade us farewell yesterday, for the good season of 1913, still resting in second place, with us looking up to better times ahead. We took the matinee with Dr. Yancey Wyatt Ayers going powerfully good, and we lost the finale with Mr. Jimmie Jobson going all-fired bad. The scores were 2 to 2 and 5 to 2.

Aside from the equal distribution of the spoils, the thing of most moment was the influx of new material to our line-up. Mr. Yum Moreland, from Washington, debuted into the second melee, and made something of an impression. He had seven opportunities in the field and performed perfectly. Besides, Mr. Moreland made two of our hits and scored both of our runs, one of his hits being for an extra base, altogether not a bad beginning for a youngster. In addition to Mr. Moreland, we had a chance to look at Mr. Harper, who prides himself upon his ability as a third baseman, and Mr. Johnson, a member of the C. C. A. team and an outfielder by confession.

Harper Sent to Clubhouse.

Mr. Johnson managed to efface himself quite successfully, but not so Mr. Harper. That fiery-tempered youngster furnished the real amusement of the afternoon. His chief ability seems to lie in coaching at third base—not playing—when nobody happens to be on the paths. In cheering his temporary teammates on toward victory he excited Mr. Frank Norcum, and as a result found himself waited to the clubhouse, after which we proceeded to lose. In absolute confidence, Mr. Harper informs us that his dismissal was the direct cause for the defeat of the Colts. Some of us differ from Mr. Harper, but that's not to the point.

The first game came very nearly oozing through our fingers when Dr. Ayers hit Ginn in the ribs. Doctor Pressly and Paul Irmischer brought forth safe blows, and Ginn had traversed the necessary distance. During the rest of the engagement Dr. Ayers became more niggardly in allowing safe hits. True, two were made in the eighth, but both were to the infield, and no runs resulted. Indeed, that one in the first was all that Roanoke could achieve.

For our part, we tied it in our half of the initial paragraph. Frank Dobson drove into centre and Jap Efrid, who opposed our doctor, walked Charlie Strain, who was camping in left field for our side. Ducky Eberts got his hit, and Frank scored. The final tally was annexed in the fifth, and it was Frank Dobson who drove it home. Newton connected in proper fashion, and then Volunteer Frank uncorked a nasty drive to left good for two bases, Newton cashing. Altogether, Dobson had a very good day.

Ayers in Good Form.

Ayers showed more than he has had for several weeks. He had far greater speed than in any of his recent conflicts, and despite a tendency to be a trifle wild, walked only one, though he hit two. He struck out ten, keeping up his average and increasing the probability of his establishing an all-time strike-out record for one season.

Jimmie Jobson caused most of his own trouble in the last. He was opposed by Parson Perryman, and for four innings it was a glorious battle. Jobson got into the depths in the fourth. Ralph Mattis, after fouling off two balls, hit to left, where young Moreland was playing. Summers was given a free trip and Goalby's sacrifice put men on second and third. Bert Gardin was up, and rather than take any chances, Jay Rogers decided to give the pitcher-fielder a walk. Bert stepped over and tapped a wide one, which got Jobson in the air, and he began to blow. Jimmie felt that Gardin had stepped out of the box in offering at the ball, but Frank Norcum didn't feel that way about it. At any rate, Jobson tried to waste the next ball and threw it into the grandstand, both Mattis and Summers counting. After that Bert struck out, just by way of evening matters.

The run made by Roanoke in the seventh was earned. Welcher hit, was sacrificed by Perryman and crossed on Pressly's knock. Mattis scored the last alien tally, and largely because Chick Davis, whose parents were present to watch him perform, forgot to cover second on Roger's perfect throw to stop Mattis from stealing. The peg split second, but Chick happened to be elsewhere and the pellet rolled to centre field, Matty pulling up at third, from where he scored on Welcher's drive.

Different Kinds of Baseball.

There was plenty of good and foolish baseball on the part of the Griffins. For instance, it was good baseball getting Mattis between second and third in the sixth, but it was bad baseball to take so much trouble in doing it. In order to get Ralph it required the assistance of Eberts, Jobson, Dobson, Bresnahan and Davis.

We started the first inning of this last entertainment like winners, but after hits by Laval and Dobson there was nothing doing but three outs, and they didn't count. Two errors, one by Perryman and another by Ginn, coupled with hits by Moreland and Eberts, helped us to one in the sixth. It's easy to gauge a team's hitting strength when a combination of two errors and two hits get but one run, but that's neither here nor there.

The other run was recorded in the eighth, as a result of Moreland's double and Bresnahan's single. That was all. A total of nine were left stranded, which may somewhat explain the loss. Nobody displayed any particular pep excepting Mr. Harper, and

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VARDON AND RAY HERE FOR TOURNEY

Chicago, August 30.—Harry Vardon and Edward Ray, the British professional golf stars and former open champions, who are in this country to play in the open champion this fall, won a close best ball foursome at the Wyckoff Golf Club, New York, on the thirty-fifth green, where Tom Vardon played thirty-six holes with Tom Vardon, brother of Harry, and William Marshall, the Ontario professional.

Battle Axes Lose Both.

Suffolk, Va., August 30.—Before the largest crowd of the season, the Colts, of Suffolk, defeated the Battle Axes team, of Richmond, in a double-header here to-day, by the scores of 4 to 1 and 7 to 4.

GOLF POPULAR AT WOODBERRY

Woodberry Forest, Va., August 30.—Golf has been very popular at Woodberry Forest this summer. A handicap tournament has been scheduled for next Monday, Labor Day. The unusual interest in this sport shown by the guests throughout the season is due largely to the daily presence on the links of W. D. Jenkins, of the Wyckoff Golf Club, New York. Mr. Jenkins has taken part in many of the biggest tournaments in this country and abroad. He will be scratch man on Monday. Dr. Charles Robins, a well-known player of the Country Club of Virginia, and Dr. A. G. Brown, also of Richmond, will be among those to contest for the silver cup on Labor Day. Their handicaps will be about 35 to 40, respectively.